



**MINUTES**  
**Waiver Structure Work Group Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 11/01/22 from 10:00AM - 12:00PM**  
**Held via: Zoom Webinar**

**Attendance:** Jessica Gorton BDS Facilitator; Chad Alden; Shannon Kelly; Deborah DeScenza, Michelle Donovan; Pan Dushan; Krista Gilbert; Stacey Rosenzweig A&M; Lisa (CART)

*Note: Members of the public who joined as attendees in listen-only mode are not included in this list.*

*Please reference the corresponding slide presentation for the detailed agenda, including topics and themes covered in the meeting and corresponding takeaways and applicable action items.*

Major Topics and Themes	Key Discussion Areas
Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dental update: Senate bill SB422 passed for the provision of dental benefits to state Medicaid recipients. As such, denture services need to be added to 1915(c) waiver and BDS must complete a waiver amendment</li><li>• The waiver amendment will be reviewed by the Medicaid Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) in early November and will be open to public comment from mid-November through mid-December</li><li>• It was noted that no Systems Work changes are a part of this amendment</li></ul>
Therapy Services Definition Drafting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Group reviewed the Therapy Services Definition<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Occupational Therapy (OT)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The Group discussed adding examples of OT needs at the beginning of the service definition, similar to how Physical Therapy is described</li><li>▪ The Group discussed adding more specifying language about OT services</li><li>▪ The Group discussed adding language in the definition to link to prescriber's recommendation regarding amount, scope, frequency, and duration of services.</li><li>▪ The Group discussed adding language about service availability relating to goals and outcomes, as well as initial and ongoing</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>

	<p>training for individuals, caregivers, and providers, in conjunction with person-centered planning and the service agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Physical Therapy (PT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Group noted that it is important to specify that state plan service will only cover rehabilitative services for PT and OT services</li> <li>▪ The Group discussed adding language about service availability relating to goals and outcomes, as well as initial and ongoing training for individuals, caregivers, and providers, in conjunction with person-centered planning and the service agreement</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Speech Language Pathology (SPL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Group discussed adding language about service availability relating to goals and outcomes, as well as initial and ongoing training for individuals, caregivers, and providers, in conjunction with person-centered planning and the service agreement</li> <li>▪ The Group discussed adding more detailed language around the types of treatments that encompass speech language pathology services</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Additional Therapies (e.g., art, music) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Group wanted to ensure that services are covered in the waiver. The Group will revisit these definitions when the Service Definition for Community Integration Services (CIS) is reviewed, since the services may be covered there and the Group does not want duplicative definitions and coverage.</li> <li>▪ The Group does not want to limit access to these services and wants to ensure provider has appropriate associated credentials</li> <li>▪ There was also discussion about how the title of CIS may not actually fit the definition as is; the Group will need to review the services pertaining to “recreation”</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Remote Supports and Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Group would like to revisit this definition when more members are available, since it is a new service proposed for the wavier</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Non-Medical Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Group discussed adding a reference to natural supports</li> <li>▪ It was confirmed that this is currently a standalone service and proposed language to clarify this in the definition. The Group reiterated the importance of having it be standalone. The Group was pointed to resources on the BDS website that describe current service offerings in the Waiver.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Respite Services</li> </ul>
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<b>Next Steps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Please refer to the corresponding work group PPT for details on assignments (if any) and next steps.</i></li> </ul>